

Application No. 09/930,570
Amendment "A" dated June 17, 2004
Reply to Office Action mailed May 6, 2004

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for the time spent with applicants' attorney discussing the Examiner's Office Action. Reconsideration and allowance for the above-identified application are respectfully requested.

Claims 2, 3, 4, 12 and 14 have been canceled without prejudice. Accordingly, claims 1, 5 – 11, 13 and 15 – 64 remain pending. Of those claims, claims 17 – 64 were allowed in the Office Action. Of the remaining claims, the independent claims are 1, 7, 9, 11 and 13.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter from dependent claim 2, which was found to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 9, a computer program product claim which corresponds to claim 1, has been amended in the same fashion. Claims 11 and 7 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter from dependent claim 12, which was found to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 13 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter from dependent claim 14, which was found to be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Accordingly, since all independent claims of record have either been allowed, or have been amended to include the subject matter deemed to be allowable, based on the Office Action currently of record, the application is now in condition for allowance, and thus favorable action is courteously requested.

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In the event the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Dated this 17th day of June, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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